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## **Public Invited to Ribbon Cutting for Newly Designed Streetscape Project in Leesburg**

**Leesburg, FL** – the public is invited to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony for the official opening of the new gateway into downtown Leesburg, Friday, July 24 at 9:00am. This 3.8 million dollar streetscape construction significantly improved the appearance of Main Street from 9th to 14th streets, by adding decorative sidewalks, crosswalks, streetlights, and building a large entry feature. Not only was it a beautification project but it also allowed for necessary upgrades to water and sewer lines and enhanced storm water collection.

Since 2000, the Leesburg Partnership has been the lead organization spearheading a cohesive vision for the community by holding planning workshops with community leaders, property owners and interested citizens. “This was truly a community consensus and now everyone benefits, the downtown businesses and most importantly, the citizens of Leesburg,” stated Joe Shipes CEO of the Leesburg Partnership, “everyone can be proud to invite friends, family and customers into downtown.”

“The ribbon cutting marks the official opening of a much improved Main Street. More important, it marks Leesburg’s first step to becoming the premier city in Lake County,” said Mayor Dennison, “The improvements will bring in new merchants and restaurants to join our faithful current merchants. This is going to be exciting!”

The Ceremony will be held at the Gateway arch on Main Street between Oak and 14<sup>th</sup> Street at 9:00am, all in attendance are invited to take part in the community photo to memorialize this event.

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